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Applicants respectfully request pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and (2), that the attached Information Disclosure Statement be entered. Please charge the fee of \$180.00 required by 37 CFR 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

In fulfillment of 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and (2) and 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication (see the attached copy of a Supplementary European Search Report dated July 29, 2004) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the art listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. All of these references were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated July 29, 2004.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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